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NEW BRITAIN, CONN., MAY 7 (AP)-MRS. MARY DOWNEY WILL LEAVE FOR RED CHINA FRIDAY TO VISIT HER SON WHO HAS BEEN IN PRISON THERE SINCE 1952.

HER SON, JOHN, 32, WAS CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AFTER THE U.S. AIR FORCE PLANE IN WHICH HE WAS A PASSENGER CRASHED WHILE EN ROUTE FROM JAPAN TO KOREA. DOWNEY WAS A U.S. ARMY CIVILIAN EMPLOYE AT THE TIME.

MRS. DOWNEY SAID SHE HAS A TWO-WEEK VISA FOR RED CHINA. SHE WILL MAKE THE TRIP TO PEIPING WITH ANOTHER SON, WILLIAM, 30.

IT WILL BE MRS. DOWNEY'S THIRD VISIT AND WILLIAM'S SECOND.

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